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Action level for initiating a Hearing Conservation Program	**85 dB(A)**	**85 dB(A)**
Noise Measurement Exchange Rate	**5 dB**	**3 dB**
Engineering Controls and Administrative Controls	**Initiated to reduce noise levels below 90dB(A)***	**Initiated when feasible to reduce noise levels below 85dB(A)**
Noise monitoring	**Initial and when changes occur**	**Initial and when changes occur**
Noise monitoring equipment	**Annual electro-acoustic calibration required**	**Annual electro-acoustic calibration required**
Impulse noise	**Should not exceed 140 dBP SPL. Noise measurement equipment not specified**	**Must not exceed 140 dBP SPL. SLM specifications for measuring impulse noise are included**
HPD's	**Mandatory over 85 dB**	**Mandatory over 85 dB. Closed set of approved devices. Restrictions on use of noise muffs with radios and the use of hearing aids in noise.**
Hearing Protective Devices HPD's	**HPD's may be used to meet the 14 hr noise free requirement for reference audiogram**	**HPD's shall not be used to meet the 14 hour noise free requirement**
Recordkeeping	**Maintain noise exposure**	**Maintain noise exposure**

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Reference Audiogram	**Obtain within 6 months of employee's initial noise exposure. 1 year if using mobile testing**	**Obtain within 30 days of employees initial noise exposure**
Significant Threshold shift	**Average +/-10 dB or greater shift at 2000, 3000 and 4000 Hz in either ear**	**Average +/- 10 dB or greater shift at 2000, 3000, and 4000 Hz in either**
Certification	**Technicians operating microprocessor audiometers do not require certification**	**CAOHC certification or equivalent training is required to perform hearing test**
Supervisor	**Must be audiologist or physician**	**Must be audiologist or physician**
Retest of STS	**Allowed within 30 days**	**Required within 30 days**
Reportable hearing loss	**STS with resulting hearing loss >= 25 dB average at 2000, 3000 and 4000 Hz**	**STS with resulting hearing loss >= 25 dB average at 2000, 3000 and 4000 Hz**
Maximum allowable background noise levels for audiometric testing	**.5k=<40; 1k=<40; 2k=<47; 3k=<57; 4k= <62**	**.5k=<27; 1k=<29; 2k=<34; 3k=<39; 4k= <41**
Age correction	**Optional (see CFR 29, 1910.95 Appendix F)**	**Prohibited**
Negative STS	**No mention**	**Same as positive STS but improved hearing – follow-up required**

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Biologic Calibration	**+/-10 dB change acceptable on daily biologic calibration**	**+/- 5 dB change allowed for biologic calibration (+/- 10 dB at 6k Hz)**
Training	**Initial and annual**	**Initial and annual**
Evaluation of program	**Must have effective program**	**Must have effective program. Some metrics are specified**
Signs	**Must be posted in noise hazardous areas**	**Must be posted in noise hazardous areas**
Forms	**No mention**	**DD 2215, DD 2216, DD 2217 and other service specific forms are mandated**
Ultrasound exposure limits	**No mention**	**Specified for 10k- 50k Hz (see DoDI 6055.12, Table T1))**
Noise abatement	**No mention**	**Engineering controls as primary means; Risk Assessment Codes required**
Deaf employees	**No mention**	**Only reference and termination audiograms required**